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REPORT ON STUDIES AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE

Compilation of proposals of the Asian Group for studies and documentation for the World Conference: study topics

(1) Poverty as a violation of human rights as a whole; the issue of widespread poverty and economic underdevelopment and its relationship to the enjoyment of human rights;

(2) A thorough examination of the close linkage between development, democracy and the promotion and protection of human rights, including realization of the right to development;

(3) The effects of economic adjustment policies and international factors, including external debt, on the enjoyment of human rights, in particular economic, social and cultural rights;

(4) Sustainable development and a clean, safe and healthy environment as a basic right of all peoples;

(5) The effectiveness of and obstacles to the implementation of efforts to eliminate apartheid, racial discrimination and the right of peoples to self-determination, national sovereignty and the territorial integrity and their effects on the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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(6) Relationship between human rights and international humanitarian law in respect of the enjoyment of human rights and legal protection for populations living under foreign occupation;

(7) Problem of terrorism as a fundamental violation of human rights in democratic societies and the growing linkage between terrorism and narco-terrorism;

(8) Consideration of the relationship between local social structures and systems as forms of democracy: the influence of local, historical, social and economic factors in the evolution of such structures and systems: the communitarian and consensual nature of societies - in particular the balance between individual and community rights and the implications of these when formulating and applying human rights standards;

(9) Strengthening the advisory services of the Centre for Human Rights in promoting both knowledge and implementation of human rights without violating national sovereignty;

(10) Rationalization of procedures governing existing United Nations monitoring bodies with a view to achieving their objective of cooperating with States in the promotion and protection of human rights.